



Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street
Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 737-0800
ORS.SC.GOV

C. LESSIE HAMMONDS
Counsel for ORS

October 21, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Clear Rate Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Non-Facilities Based Local Exchange and Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina
Docket No. 2020-171-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) has reviewed the Application of Clear Rate Communications, Inc. (the “Company”) and believes that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity requested is consistent with the public interest.

The ORS Audit and Telecommunications Departments reviewed the Company’s application and filings to assess the Company’s financial, technical and managerial resources. Based on these reviews, ORS has concluded that the Company possesses the resources needed to provide the services requested and that the Company’s request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is consistent with the public interest. *See* S.C. Code § 58-9-280.

ORS does not intend to attend the hearing scheduled in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

c/ C. Lessie Hammonds

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: All Parties of Record